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TAGS: PDEV, PINT, SF (BOPHUTHATSWANA), LT

SUBJECT: BOPHUTHATSWANA TRAVEL ADVISORY

REF STATE 288272,

1. EMBASSY MASERU CAN REPORT ONLY ON CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THABA NCHU, THAT SMALL PORTION OF BOPHUTHATSWANA IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE THAT LIES ATWART THE MAIN HIGHWAY FROM MASERU TO BLOEMFONTEIN. FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REFTEL, EMBASSY, AID, PEACE CORPS OFFICERS HAVE CONTINUED TO TRANSIT THIS AREA OF BOPHUTHATSWANA UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID ACCEPTING BOPHUTHATSWANA VISAS AND TO REPORT ANY EVIDENCE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF BORDER CONTROLS.

2. NUMEROUS TRIPS BACK AND FORTH TO BLOEMFONTEIN TO DATE HAVE TURNED UP NO EVIDENCE OF ANY ATTEMPT BY BOPHUTHATSWANA AUTHORITIES TO ENFORCE BORDER CONTROLS ON THE MASERU-BLOEMFONTEIN HIGHWAY. RECENTLY EMBASSY OFFICERS SPOTTED SMALL SIGN ON WESTERN BORDER OF THABA NCHU ENCLAVE ANNOUNCING "YOU ARE NOW LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA",
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BUT THERE IS NO EQUIVALENT "ENTERING BOPHUTHATSWANA" MARKER. NO U.S. OFFICIAL TRAVELERS OR OTHERS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED IN PASSING ALONG THIS HIGHWAY.

3. IN SUMMARY, DESPITE OUR EARLIER FEELING THAT BOPHUTHATSWANA WOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF TRANSKEI IN IMPOSING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSIT, U.S. OFFICIALS AND OTHERS ARE NOT RPT

NOT EXPERIENCING ANY DIFFICULTY TRANSITING THIS PORTION OF
BOPHUTHATSWANA.
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